

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amlan Datta, et al.
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Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan
For: Synthetic Microspheres and Methods of Making
Same

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**AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c))**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to an Office Action made final and mailed on June 8, 2009,. The amendments and remarks as provided herein are filed pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 submitted concurrently herewith. Such papers are timely filed with the appropriate fees, including a fees for an extension of time and a request as provided herewith.

In view of the amendments and remarks provided herewith, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, believed necessary to bring prosecution to a speedy conclusion and to deal justly by Applicants and the public. Applicants believe this Amendment defines their

invention in claims that will give them patent protection to which they are justly entitled. No new matter is included with this paper and, as such, it is believed that no additional search is required on the part of the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and requests allowance of claims pending in their Application for patent.

Provided for consideration with the above-identified Application are:

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page 3;

Statement of Substance of Interview under 37 C.F.R § 1.133 that begins on page 7;

Remarks that begin on page 9;

Conclusion that begins on page 12 of this paper; and

Appendix that includes definitions of terms (5 pp.).